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MSU LAW SCHOOL WEEK END SLATED FOR APRIL

Members of the legal profession from throughout the state are expected to be on the Montana State University campus, Missoula, on April 12 and 13 for the first annual Law School Week End, according to Calvin Calton, Worland, Wyo., Law Students' Assn, president and general chairman of the week-end activities.

Highlights of the varied program will be the Law School Board of Vistors' meetings and a banquet at the Florence Hotel on Saturday, April 13, honoring Judge Charles N. Pray, who at 89 is the nation's oldest federal district court judge. Judge Pray recently announced his intention to retire from the bench but indicated he would assist Montana's two federal judges should the need arise.

Also included in the week-end round of events will be a picnic, an athletic contest between law and forestry students, a Law House tea, and the annual Barristers' Ball, Calton announced.

The week end will get under way at 2 p. m. Friday, April 12, with the Law School Assn. picnic for students and guests at Montana Power Park near Missoula, Saturday morning the future attorneys will engage their traditional rivals, the forestry students, in either a softball or a basketball contest, depending on the weather. Rae Kalbfleisch, Shelby, athletic director, and Dave Burton, Billings, coach, will lead the law students in the yearly "grudge" battle.

Saturday at 3 p. m. visiting attorneys, their wives, and guests will meet at the University's Law House, 1325 Gerald Ave., for a tea. Don Wolf, Wolf Point, student chairman, and Mary Jaspersen, Law Wives Club president, will be in charge.

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The banquet for Judge Pray is scheduled for 6:30 p. m. Saturday in the Florence Hotel Mayfair and Governor's rooms. Banquet speakers will be announced soon, Calton said.

Montana Supreme Court justices and district court judges will be honored guests at the annual Barristers' Ball, commencing at 9 p. m. Saturday in the Florence Hotel, according to Ross Cannon, Butte, student chairman for the banquet and dance. The King's Men, a five-piece University dance band, will play for the dance.

Throughout the week end nine Montana attorneys, constituting the Law School Board of Visitors, will conduct meetings. Also formulating plans for the coming year will be a skeleton group forming Montana's Law School Alumni Assn.

The intent of the Law School Week End is not only to enable Montana attorneys to meet and mingle with friends of former years but also to become acquainted with the Law School, its functions, facilities, and students, according to Calton. The Law School Week End will increase in scope during coming years to include legal institutes, moot court competitions, and meetings of different Montana legal associations, he said.

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